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## Campuses ask about firearm policy change

BY DARBY DICKS

Photo Editor

College campuses across the country are considering new rules that would allow students to carry concealed firearms as a method of preventing sexual assault.

Lawmakers in Florida, Nevada, Indiana, Montana, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming have all proposed bills that would allow students to carry firearms on college campuses.

Gun lobbyists are supporting legislation allowing concealed firearms to be carried in light of the recent events like the mass shooting at Virginia Tech in 2007 where 32 students and faculty members were killed and the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012 that killed 26 people.

Gun-free zones leave people vulnerable and un-

able to protect themselves against potentially violent crimes, argues proponents for concealed firearms on campuses. One of these proponents is the Students for Concealed Carry, a national non-partisan group.

"I think everybody should be allowed to carry a firearm as part of self-defense as long as they have taken classes," instructor Richard Mitchell at Atlantic Tactical Firearms Training said. "There is a difference between targets on the street and targets on the range, and you have to be very careful about the type of ammo and firearm you use. You also should be trained to shoot defensively."

The Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus, however, says that, "Allowing guns on campus could, in fact, make mass shootings even worse."

Opponents of the legislation also have argued that guns should not be used in places where there are large amounts of binge drinking and alcohol-

related incidents like college campuses.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that about four out of five college students drink alcohol and that over 97,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape.

"The issue for me has nothing to do with the philosophical debate of the meaning of the second amendment or the right to bear arms," Salisbury University Police Lieutenant and Investigative-Support Services Commander Brian Waller said. "When you have individuals who are still developing their level of maturity, their thinking is altered by alcohol and other drugs, adding firearms to the mix cannot be a good idea."

In Maryland concealed carry permits are limited to people who can prove that they have a "good and substantial reason" for carrying a handgun

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## Commons Comments

### Is dining services up to par?

BY KOBI AZOULAY

Staff Writer

On Nov. 24th, 2014 a health inspection report revealed that a cockroach had been sighted in the soda dispenser box room of Commons, following other sightings and several other health violations for the past five years. "No matter how much attention you give to cleanliness, the reality is that with over 400 employees and deliveries five days a week, pests can find their way in," Director of Salisbury University Dining Services Owen Rosten said.

This particular cockroach sighting was, actually, the third time one had been reported in Commons during those last five years. Before November, a cockroach had been spotted in the chop shop on both February 11 and February 23, 2011.

In the past three health inspections that Commons underwent, the university was out of compliance with both their hot and cold holding temperatures, as well. This has been an off and on issue for the past five years.

To be out of compliance, hot food has to drop below 135 degrees and cold food has to rise above 41 degrees. If food gets into this danger zone for too long, it risks becoming spoiled.

In the November 24th health inspection report, spaghetti had dropped all the way to 110 degrees, putting it temporarily at risk. Corrective action was taken in order to prevent any spoilage.

Despite these violations, Rosten said that staff members check food temperatures on a regular basis. If food gets into the danger zone, it is taken back into the kitchen to be reheated or chilled before the food goes bad.

"All of the good things that we do can be destroyed by a food borne illness, so this is a priority for us," he said.

Rosten has only been in the position for about a month, so he was not around when these issues occurred.

Prior to taking the director position, Rosten worked at many other universities such as John Hopkins University and Frostburg State University, and he talks very highly of SU's custodial services in comparison.

"Custodial services do an outstanding job, way above the average I've seen," Rosten said. "And I've been directly connected to dozens of campuses during my career."

Besides the issues presented in the health inspection reports, students also have some complaints about Commons' service in general.

Many students have complained about their dishware and silverware not being completely clean.

"We put all the dishes through a giant dishwasher," freshman commons worker Caleb Graham said. "It usually gets all of it, but not always. If anyone notices, they'll run it through a few more times for good measure."

Freshman Julia Groene said she has an issue with the potatoes at Plato's Plate; "The baked potatoes are almost never cooked fully," she said.

Although students have plenty of complaints, there are many aspects of Commons that they enjoy.

"I like that Commons can be utilized with a meal plan, so whenever I am broke or do not feel like making something I can just go and eat as much as I want," senior Jade Lebrock said.

Prices vary from \$450 a semester for 30 meals to \$2,235 a semester for unlimited access, with many different options in-between.

"I like that Commons has many different categories of food for people with different preferences," junior Ryan Daniher said.

In commons, there are a multitude of different kiosks for different food tastes such as Fiesta Express for students or guests with a taste for Mexican food, or

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From left to right, Veronica Martinez-Vargas, Organizing Director of CASA de Maryland Gustavo Andrade, Mayra Melendez, and Salisbury University Sociology Professor Timothy J. Dunn. Those pictured are shown at the SU Undocumented Sea Gulls forum which took place on March 25, which detailed the journey and particulars of undocumented Maryland residents attending the school.

## Undocumented citizens afford the dream of SU education

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Undocumented citizens now have the opportunity to pursue an affordable higher education in Maryland universities through two additions to federal and state law passed in 2012, from which some Salisbury University students are now benefiting.

The Maryland Dream Act allows undocumented immigrants living in the state to attend Maryland universities at in-state tuition, provided they attended a Maryland high school for three years and meet other conditions.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), made law through an executive order by President Obama, grants undocumented citizens who entered the U.S. before their 16th birthday, among certain other stipulations, renewable two-year work permits and exemption from deportation.

One such undocumented citizen assisted by these laws is SU senior Veronica Martinez-Vargas who is majoring in physics.

Martinez-Vargas was active in fighting for the passage of the Maryland Dream Act and is one of 787,068 individuals that had been approved for DACA by 2014, according to the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services.

"I cried," said Martinez-Vargas of her reaction to learning that Maryland voters had made the Dream Act law. "I couldn't believe our work had paid off, and I was so grateful that I'd finally be able to go to college."

The first of her family to attend college, Martinez-Vargas left Guanajuato, Mexico at 10 years old in 2003. Her mother decided to take the risk of entering the U.S. illegally in hopes of pursuing a better life for her and her daughter.

"I knew that what we were going to do was something that was looked down upon," Martinez-Vargas said. "But at that time I thought it was the only way. I didn't know the legalities of it then, or that visas even existed."

She and her mother endured a days-long bus ride followed by a failed attempt to cross into the U.S. which saw them detained and then deported.

Days later, they tried again and were successful, passing through a hole under the border fence and spending two days waiting in the Arizona desert for their transportation onward. Soon thereafter, they

would end up in Salisbury and become part of (according to the Pew Research Center) the state's approximately 250,000 undocumented citizens.

Were it not for the Maryland Dream Act, Martinez-Vargas and other undocumented citizens often wouldn't have the opportunity to seek higher education. Their financial means simply are not frequently sufficient to cover the tuition for out-of-state students, which is often nearly double that of Maryland residents (\$16,968 a year at SU, compared to \$8,622).

Although it is certain that some current Maryland students are benefiting from the Maryland Dream Act, their numbers at SU are still few—currently less than ten, according to SU's Office of University Analysis, Reporting and Assessment.

Statewide, there is some difficulty in gauging how many individuals are being assisted by the act.

According to the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the state board responsible for establishing statewide policies for universities, the act cost Maryland universities \$2.1 million in 2014—that is, there was a loss of that amount compared to what would have been earned via these undocumented citizens paying out-of-state tuition, assuming they would have still been able to afford attending.

Yet, that is perhaps a small loss in the face of the benefit.

Gustavo Andrade is the organizing director for CASA de Maryland, the state's largest immigrant and worker's rights organization as well as one that fought for passage of the Maryland Dream Act.

Andrade believes the act affords undocumented citizens that arrived as children, often without any choice in the decision to leave their countries of birth, the chance to seek an education he feels all motivated people should be offered.

"It's incredibly difficult for undocumented citizens to navigate the education system," Andrade said. "If these are our kids, of course we want to make it as easy and hassle free as possible for someone to pursue a higher education. To pursue their dreams and get a job."

"Folks are chomping at the bit to come into... every institution of higher learning and our job as a society is to make it as easy as possible for them to do that. (The Maryland Dream Act and DACA) both are designed to make it as easy as possible for a student to graduate high school in Maryland and

have access to higher education."

Former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley, while still pushing for the as-yet unapproved Maryland Dream Act, agreed with Andrade's sentiment.

"We have a constitutional obligation to provide a public education for every child in our state," O'Malley said in 2011. "But we should not allow our nation's broken immigration system to serve as an excuse to escape our basic, moral obligation to expand opportunity for all Marylanders, provided they graduated from a Maryland high school, pay taxes in our state and are on a path toward citizenship."



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Veronica Martinez-Vargas fought valiantly for her right to education

Mayra Melendez, 21, is both an undocumented citizen benefiting from these laws and a senior at SU dual-majoring in international studies and conflict analysis and dispute resolution.

A few years after she emigrated from Lima, Peru as a seven-year-old, Melendez and Martinez-Vargas had become best friends.

The two met in elementary school English classes and in adulthood they took on roles as activists with CASA de Maryland to fight for the passage of the Maryland Dream Act.

Melendez immigrated legally to the country with her father, who had a work visa sponsored by the manufactur-

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and that the permit is necessary. On SU's campus, Waller said that most of the population would not be able to meet the standard imposed by Maryland to obtain a permit.

Waller also said that oftentimes, alleged victims consent to some sexual activities but not to others. In those situations, he says it can be impractical to rely on a gun as a means of self-defense.

A study conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice concluded that 38 percent of rapes are committed by a friend or acquaintance of the victim.

"If you have a rape situation, usually it starts with some sort of consensual behavior, and by the time it switches to nonconsensual, it would be nearly impossible to run for a gun," National President of One in Four John D. Foubert told the New York Times.

Likewise, a study conducted in 2009 by the American Journal of Public Health found that guns did not protect people carrying them from being shot in an assault.

"If you did something in the heat of the moment and you're wrong I think it's much better from an ethical standard you're not causing a lot of lasting effects on someone," Waller said. "And I think that's a consideration that should be made."

## COMMONS

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ing Melendez with two options: continue living in the U.S. as an undocumented citizen, or return to Peru and attempt the expensive, extremely-lengthy and unguaranteed process involved in coming back to America legally.

"We were told (returning to Peru) was our only option," Melendez said. "I was very scared. I was set on going to college here, and had friends here. I love Peru, and I'm proud of where I come from, but at that moment I felt fear. It would have meant starting all over again."

With the passage of DACA, many opportunities finally became available for Melendez. She would be able to visit her family in Peru for the first time since she left. She would be able

to study abroad. She could finally get a driver's license and a permit to legally work. Most importantly, there would be a two-year moratorium on her potential for deportation.

"I finally didn't have to be afraid anymore," Melendez said. "Finally, I could know that after I finished college maybe I'll be able to get a job somewhere. I won't be sitting there with a degree, wondering what I'd do with it."

So great had been that daily fear of deportation that until then, she had never confided in Martinez-Vargas—her friend since elementary school—that she too was undocumented.

"That morning (when DACA passed) I still hadn't known what she was going through," Martinez-Vargas said. "I said thank you! Thank you so much for being excited for me," because I

hadn't known she was going through the same things, that this mattered as much to her as it did to me."



Read Shelton photo  
Mayra Melendez spoke to peers about her and her family's trials.

mately the student's decision.

Students and guests eating at Commons who are trying to eat healthy should be mindful of labels. For example, steamed vegetables are healthier than their seasoned counterparts because they have not had anything added to them.

Cerulli encourages students to give their feedback in order to help Commons improve. The most effective way to do this is by going to F.O.O.D. Committee

meetings every other Wednesday at 5 p.m. in the Caroline room. The only requirement for participation is having a meal plan.

These meetings give students the chance to present their ideas directly to Rosten, Cerulli and many other people involved in the food selection process.

Students that are unable to attend these meetings can submit an online comment card or talk to one of the managers directly.

Despite the cockroach sighting

in the most recent health inspection report, Rosten does not want students to lose hope in SU's largest dining service.

"One bug gets out on social media and changes the public's perception on the whole program," he said. "The university has been very diligent to have a regular pest inspection every Monday."

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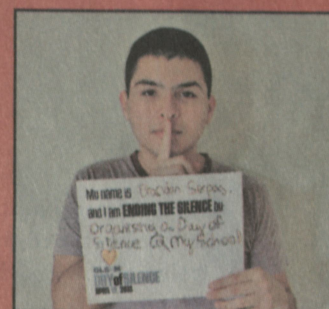
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Her 15 years of experience in policy made her a progressive powerhouse in Annapolis, where as a legislator she expanded health care to children, protected reproductive rights for women, guaranteed civil rights for LGBT families, safeguarded the environment and brought new technology jobs to Maryland.

In 2006, she garnered the most votes in a seven-way primary and defeated two incumbents to capture her seat in the House of Delegates and was re-elected to a second four-year term in 2012. Mizeur's emotional floor speech during the same-sex marriage debate helped swing key votes that made Maryland the eighth state to enact Marriage Equality.

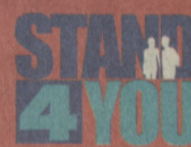


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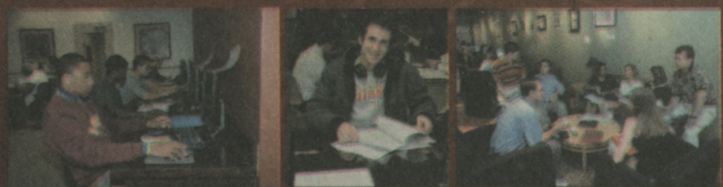
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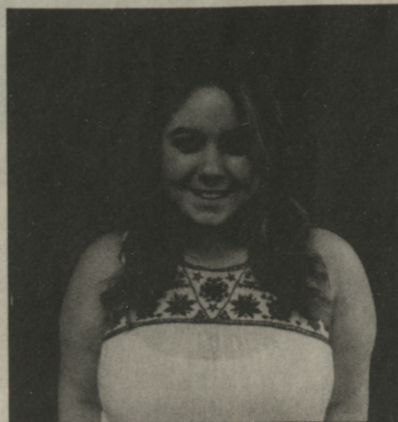
## Overheard: Did you cry after Fast and Furious 7? - Flyer Staff Edition



It was such a great movie that it was hard not to- Chris Krauss



I cried way more than I expected during the movie. I was attached to the characters and the tribute they gave to both Paul Walker and his character was phenomenal. - Shannon Wiley



Of course I cried! The cast wasn't just saying goodbye to a co-worker, they were saying goodbye to their brother and best friend- Rachel Taylor



Yeah. I held off for a while, but a few tears fell when Vin Diesel was referring to Paul Walker as his brother- Mitchell Northam

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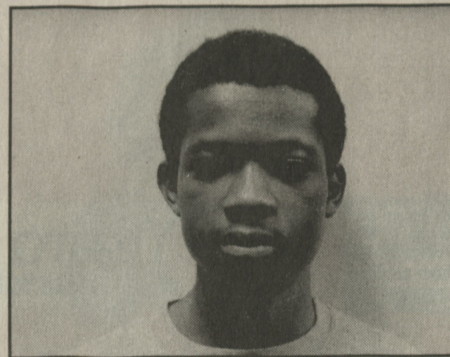
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## Gun-free zone

Allowing weapons on campus can't happen



BY EMMANUEL ATUFU  
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There is a huge debate going on as to whether colleges should allow their students to carry concealed firearms on campus.

According to the National Conference for State Legislators (NCSL), at least 19 states introduced legislation to allow concealed carry on campus in some regard in 2013 and in the 2014 legislative session, and at least 14 states introduced similar legislation. In 2015, at least 12 states, including the prize states, Florida and Texas, will see those same bills hit their state legislatures.

These pro-guns on campus bills are spurred by the tragic shootings on college campuses, such as the murder of 32 students and faculty at Virginia Tech in 2007, as well as the shootings at Santa Monica College in California that left four students dead and the recent shooting in 2013 at the University of Maryland College Park that left two students dead.

Salisbury University is no stranger to school shootings. In 2013 there was a triple shooting at an off-campus house near the university involving Kristen Loetz, CJ Abbot and shooter, as well as Loetz's ex-boyfriend, Ryan Shallue.

School officials told reporters that Kristen had already ended her relationship with Shallue, when he came to an off-campus home on Onley Road. Police say there was an argument between the two, and Abbot, also at the house, tried to intervene, and that is when Shallue pulled out a gun and shot Abbot and Loetz before committing suicide. Fortunately, Loetz survived the incident. She was the sole survivor.

This is one example why students should not be allowed to carry guns on campus. Teenagers and young adults are often labeled by grown-ups and the media as lazy, reckless, impatient, irresponsible, un-

trustworthy, spoiled, etcetera.

That's simply because a lot of us fit those descriptions. It does not make sense to allow us to carry guns around. Bad things are bound to happen. And if you mix in alcohol and drugs, then God help us all.

According to NCSL, there are currently only 20 states that ban carrying a concealed weapon on a college campus: California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming.

Non-profit gun lobby groups such as the National Rifle Association (NRA) and their student-led organization, Students for Concealed Carry want to change that. They are some of the biggest supporters for guns on college campuses.

One of their main arguments gun supporting lobby groups, such as the NRA, is that having a "gun-free zone" encourages criminal activity, so students should be allowed to carry guns for protection and self-defense.

A November 2009 peer-reviewed study published in the American Journal of Public Health found that someone carrying a gun for self-defense was 4.5 times more likely to be shot during an assault than an assault victim without a gun. So much for the argument that guns on campuses will save lives during violent confrontations.

According to the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence, "members of the public who carry guns risk escalating everyday disagreements into public shootouts, especially in places where disputes frequently occur—in bars, at sporting events, or in traffic."

The bar is one place college students tend to go to, except next time they will have a beer in one hand, and a gun in the other.

These gun legislations negatively impact the majority of students that do not carry guns. This makes them feel unsafe and anxious knowing that someone might be carrying a lethal weapon. A July 2013 peer-reviewed study of 1,649 students at 15 colleges published in the Journal of American College Health stated that 79 percent would not feel safe if faculty, students and visitors carried concealed weapons on campus.

Other arguments for guns on campuses are that the "right to bear arms" is protected by the 2nd Amendment, concealed handguns deter crimes, responsible citizens should arm themselves just like criminals do and a person carrying a concealed handgun could help stop a shooting spree.

That all sounds good, but the keywords here are "responsible citizens." Even if you consider yourself a responsible citizen, that doesn't mean that the guy next to you in the bar will be.

Imagine if there were no laws and regulations in place, this planet would look like it went through "The Walking Dead" with dead bodies everywhere.

Plus, imagine if a shooting spree were to happen and a police officer was to enter the scene, how would he tell the good guy from the bad guy when they both are shooting at each other.

There are a lot of robberies, sexual assaults, rapes and other crimes that happen on a college campus, but to say that the safest and most effective way to solve the problem is to allow college students to carry guns is ridiculous.

Police officers go through intense training and take an oath before they get their gun and badge, and yet there are still cases of police brutality and innocent deaths of citizens by police. So there is no reason that a college student whose maturity is still developing should be allowed to carry a gun and be expected to use it responsibly.

College campuses are generally a safe place for students to live in, so let us keep colleges a "gun-free zone."

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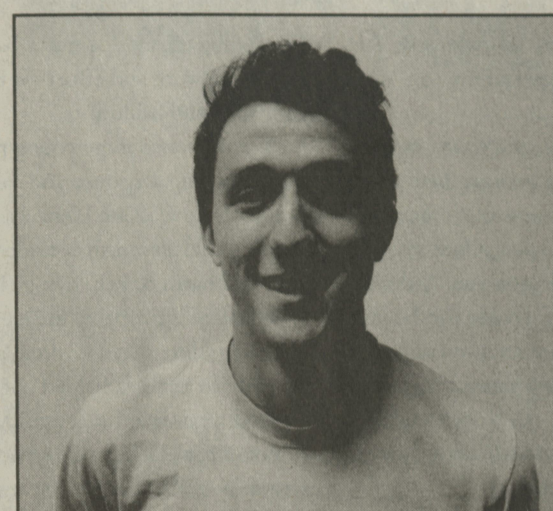
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## Furious 7 review



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High octane action and non-stop over the top vehicular fun is the only way to describe the latest installment of the Fast and Furious franchise.

The movie released last weekend claimed the spot of the highest grossing Easter weekend movie ever and the highest grossing Fast and Furious movie.

"Furious 7" knows it is amazing and takes every opportunity to show it, never slowing down and never backing down.

So far the movie has received astounding critic reviews claiming it to be the best series installment yet and not a single one of those reviews would be wrong. "Furious 7" takes things to a whole new level, with bigger bad guys and some of the most intense action ever seen in the series.

The story takes place technically after the events of the third installment "Fast and Furious: Tokyo Drift" and pulls characters and memories from just about every single one of the previous movies. From Race Wars to Dom and Mia's house, little pieces from all the movies seep in, bringing back places that haven't been seen in over a decade. Even Lucas Black cameos in the film for a short scene.

Secret government agencies, terrorist organizations and a big bad pissed off brother are all present this time around, leaving each scene to have its own unique feel. However, with so much going on the movie does get a little convoluted plot wise at points.

But when the plot does start to skid a little, the action scenes swerve in and knock the entire movie up 10 notches. "Furious 7" doesn't hold back at all, kicking realism out the door completely and replacing it with action scenes that leave the viewer kicking and screaming with amusement. Whether it be jumping a car between skyscrapers or skydiving in cars, the movie never gives the viewer a moment to let their eyes wander.

Vehicle madness isn't the only way "Furious 7" gets the blood pumping, utilizing brutal hand-to-hand combat on one end of the spectrum and invoking emotional moments on the other. The movie makes these familiar characters seem even more relatable and makes each moment with them matter more than ever before.

This in part has to do with the unfortunate death of Paul Walker in 2013, leaving the viewer wondering, during each scene of the film, how the series would part ways with him. Suffice to say director, James Wan sends Walker off in the most respectful way possible and left movie theaters full of people in tears.

In terms of acting, every one of the cast members sinks back into their roles and plays them perfectly. The witty banter between Tyrese Gibson and Ludacris is hilarious, the love between Paul Walker and Jordana Brewster is tangible and Vin Diesel is still a complete badass.

Dwayne Johnson unfortunately only returns for a few scenes, but makes each of those scenes count, kicking ass and not bothering to take any names.

Newcomer Jason Statham lives up to his action hero status and manages to be one of the most adrenaline filled and fear inducing adversaries the team has ever faced.

Even random celebrities end up appearing in the film, like Iggy Azalea and T-Pain, for no reason other than the fact that they can.

Speaking of music stars, the soundtrack continues an amazing habit of the previous films, having pump-up songs like "Ride Out" by Kid Ink, Tyga, Wale, YG and Rich Homie Quan and "Go Hard or Go Home" by Wiz Khalifa and Iggy Azalea. However, the movie delves in the opposite direction this time and has the incredibly powerful and tear producing song "See You Again" by Wiz Khalifa and Charlie Puth, easily one of the saddest songs produced recently.

"Furious 7" knows it is amazing and takes every opportunity to show it, never slowing down and never backing down. Whether it be racing cars, beating up bad guys or tugging at the viewers' heart strings, the movie takes it above and beyond only being brought down a little by an excessive plot. If there is one movie that should be seen this spring, hands down it's "Furious 7."

The Flyer gives "Furious 7" a 9/10.

## Don't identify yourself

BY DIAMOND HOLTON  
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I kissed a girl and I liked it. My sexual orientation says that I identify as lesbian.

What kind of lesbian are you?

Heavy sigh... the kind that likes females.

Since 2007 (when I came out), questions like that have been asked constantly, not just to myself, but to others that are a part of the LGBTQ community.

In society, there are labels put upon us that others feel we should identify as. As a lesbian, we have many labels that we are supposed to choose from.

Here are some basic ones:

Gold Star Lesbian: a lesbian who has never slept with a man and has no intention of ever sleeping with a man.

Lipstick Lesbian (also known as Femme or Fem): a feminine lesbian who is usually attracted to masculine or butch lesbians or can also interchangeably be attracted to other feminine lesbians.

Butch: a woman who adopts what is considered masculine characteristics.

Stem: a lesbian who identifies somewhere between "stud" and "femme."

Stud: a dominant lesbian; often someone who is of African American descent.

What they failed to realize was I was a tomboy long before I came out and my choice of clothing just stuck with me throughout my life span.

At a younger age, people mostly called me a stud or dom and I went along with it for years to the point where if I looked back, I realize I let friends and strangers characterize and label me according to a judgmental society's outlook.

They labeled me this way because my attire was more oriented to the male side. Wearing baggy clothes, sneakers, only stud-like earrings and a slight change in my voice was not the appearance of a typical female according to them.

What they failed to realize was I was a tomboy long before I came out and my choice of clothing just stuck with me throughout my life span.

But why can't I just say who I am without restrictions or designated stereotypes?

A lesbian should be able to be attracted to any female without having to proceed with a follow-up description. It takes away from our own personality by labeling us.

Daniel Fincke, an online philosophy professor and writer for "Camels with Hammers," wrote an article titled Why Do We Need Labels Like "Gay", "Bi", "Trans" and "Cis"? In this article, he addressed the vast amount of skepticism regarding identity labels.

"If gender identification is just a social construct and has no basis in fact, then why do people bother to change their identification or alter their bodies in order to change their genders," he said. "If it's just a fiction why care so much about which label you have. Why not just be however you like and refuse all constricting gender demands and all gender labels altogether."

As Fincke stated, we are people and not just made-up labels given to us because others simply don't understand who we are.

There may come a time when someone you've labeled as possibly "butch" or "stud" could take offense when really one day they could wake up and feel that sweatpants and a T-shirt is what they want to wear, and your perception of them could give off a false identification.

Today my sexual orientation remains the same. My attire and demeanor still reflect a more masculine side, but the labels that are attached, I refuse to give myself.

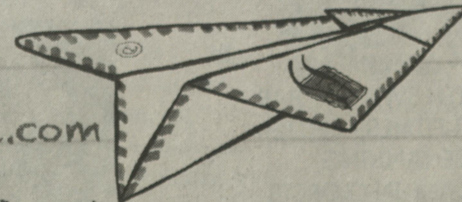
When asked what type of lesbian you are, just smile and simply say:

"We are the kind of lesbians that are sexually and emotionally attracted to females who breathe the same air as any other lesbian and allow our personality to creatively describe ourselves instead of a label that limits us."

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# Marriage in college

Getting married at a younger age does not always lead to divorce

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The college experience brings along unexpected twists that can surprise anyone. Marriage can seem like a long way for many, but for some it can happen sooner than planned.

"When I was in my first year of college there was a joke on campus that was 'ring by spring' because many people were getting engaged and I thought they were all insane," SU student Josh Wenzel said. "I didn't know what I wanted out of life and didn't think anyone knew yet either."

Wenzel studies music technology and creative writing at Salisbury. He is currently happily married to his wife, Kate of two years and they are expecting their first child in September. Wenzel and Kate got engaged one year after they started dating and got married six months later.

"I don't think anyone is prepared," Wenzel said. "I still don't think I'm fully prepared. I don't know if I have the capacity I know I should have to be offering for this marriage to work as best as I could. It is hard when you lived on your own for so long and then you pair up with a partner and you're both supposed to make it work," Wenzel said.

Marriage for college students can be both challenging and rewarding, everyone has a different story to tell.

"Shortly before I started dating Josh I realized that one of my biggest life goals was to find someone special to spend my life with, someone who shared my faith and values, who I enjoyed spending time with, could laugh with, and wanted to start a family," former SU student Kate Wenzel said. "I started dating more often but didn't even come close to finding what I was looking for until I started dating Josh."

Kate received her B.S. in Mathematics at Wheaton College, and her M.A. in Teaching at Salisbury University.

However, not all couples who get married young stay together in the long run.

According to National Center for Health Statistics, 60 percent of marriages for couples between the ages of 20 and 25 end in divorce.

Pamela Lynn Fusco, a licensed clinical professional counselor, specializes in marriage counseling in Salisbury and recalls having several young couples ages 20 to 25-years-old come into her counseling sessions for help adjusting to the new marriage, maintaining priority within the relationship, and coping with the new roles.

"I do not think many people who are young are prepared at first for marriage and they do sometimes come to me with difficulties," Fusco said.

Rebecca Minnich, 27, knows exactly how challenging marriage can be at times. Minnich is a Salisbury student studying medical laboratory science. She has been married to her husband Britt since 2011 and has a son Logan who is six-

years-old.

"I do think getting married young, at ages 20 to 25 years old can be a contributing factor to divorce because people change and some people are not mature enough to be married," Minnich said. "I think it really depends on who they are and they're maturity level, if both partners are not ready that they should wait longer and figure out who you want to be and what you want to do with your life."

Minnich said she finds it difficult to focus on school or herself while being married because she has so many responsibilities.

"Scheduling and getting everything done on time like school work can be challenging at times, but I am happy being married and wouldn't want it any other way," her husband Britt Minnich said.

Some college students see a future of getting engaged and getting married in the near future right after college.

"Marriage is a huge decision, and it should not be taken lightly," Jana Sedlacek said. "If you are engaged, I highly recommend pre-marital counseling, so you have a chance to talk through some issues that may not have come up yet. No one wants to find out a potential deal breaker after the wedding."

Sedlacek, 22, studies at Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She has been engaged to her fiancé, Thomas Van Stee since August of 2014. She is excited to get married and hopes that it's a special and memorable day, she is looking forward to the summer after the wedding.

"My future lifestyle will thus be radically different than the one that I pictured for myself five years ago. I'll be moving around the country every few years, which will definitely affect my own career and relationships," Sedlacek said. "But I think that marriage involves lifestyle changes for everyone, so I'm not unique in that. I think that I'm gaining the opportunity to go through life's adventures with the person I love the most, even if that will bring some inconveniences and challenges along the way."

In a poll conducted by Divorce Magazine, the leading cause of divorce was found to be financial issues, followed closely by basic incompatibility.

"Financial issues are the leading cause for divorces because couples have different opinions on how to save, budget, spend money and don't know how to handle finances well, sometimes this leads to blame," Fusco said.

The added financial stress on newlyweds can easily cause strains on a marriage.

"To stay afloat my husband has worked two jobs before while letting me stay in school when we were in financial trouble," Minnich said. "Money is a big way of life and is a necessity to live."

Fusco recommends pre-marital coun-



Submitted photo  
Josh and Kate Wenzel have been married for two years and are expecting their first child in September.

seling for younger couples to make sure that couples have realistic expectations on what married life will be.

"I would highly recommend young people take pre-marital counseling because there are so many expectations and dreams that come with marriage, pre-marital counseling allows couples to be on the same page," Fusco said. "I do not think marrying young is the reason for divorce, if couples apply good communication skills and do not rush into a huge commitment than couples learn how to endure challenges together during the younger years, and will know how to handle it better in the future."

While the data suggests that young couples should wait for marriage, real life couples show

that getting married is not a bad thing it just takes more work and effort for the marriage to stay happy and healthy.

"I would encourage young people to consider if having a spouse and family is one of their goals now," Kate Wenzel said. "It's worth pursuing, and it's worth considering what steps in life will harm or help that goal."

"Marriage is probably the hardest and most rewarding thing that I've done so far with my life. Advice that has helped our marriage is to be good to your spouse, apologize when you are not; forgive; love and respect your spouse, regardless of whether he/she deserves it," Kate Wenzel said.



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# Eating Healthy in Commons

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It is no secret that eating healthily in college is not always easy, but without seeing what goes into a meal, the task is almost impossible. In all fairness, Commons publishes all nutritional information online in a twenty-three-page document; however it is hardly portable. It is similarly unrealistic to expect students to ask for nutritional information at every station, while a line forms and halts behind them.

The United States Department of Agriculture website lists the following dietary recommendations for average Americans, which varies by activity level: 1,600 to 2,500 calories, a recommended 1,500 mg of sodium, less than 10 percent of calories from saturated fat, and less than 300 mg of cholesterol per day.

What follows is a highlight of the least healthy items from the commons dining menu by station as well as a general nutritional profile of some of the most popular stations.

## BREAKFAST ITEMS

In my expedition into Common's menu, I was pleasantly surprised by the relative healthiness of the breakfast offerings. Unfortunately, however, cooking oils are not readily advertised or listed and unless otherwise specified, the omelet station utilizes a butter substitute with 14 grams of saturated fat. When ordering an omelet, ask for "no butter" to ensure that this is not used in your omelet.

With 25g of fat per two links, pork sausage will gobble up an entire day's worth of daily-recommended fat allowance. Finally, none of the cereals have sugar contents listed. Unlike in drinks, in which carbohydrates may only come from sugars, the number of sugars per serving cannot be determined from carbohydrates, as they may be either from grains or sugars.

## BISTRO

If I may impart one piece of advice to promote weight loss and improve health, it is to avoid pork, which is high in fat across the board in Bistro's dishes. But by far, the unhealthiest item on Bistro's regular menu is the meat lasagna with tomato sauce.

One 4x6 slice contains 1,100 calories, 48g of fat, and 4,011mg of sodium. In other words, one 4x6 piece of lasagna replaces almost an entire day's worth of calories, two days worth of fats, and three days worth of allotted sodium.

## Salad Bar

It is hard to go wrong with selecting an option from the salad bar, as long as the lettuce is not drenched in high-fat dressings like blue cheese (13g of fat), creamy Caesar (16g of fat), golden Italian (14g of fat), or parmesan peppercorn (16g of fat).

## WOK 'N' ROLL

Getting fresh vegetables at this station can be a healthy alternative to several other dishes at Commons. However, if possible, cut back on use of canola oil in the sauce as it contains 27 grams of fat, and ginger soy sauce, which contains 1,150 mg of sodium.

## S.S. GRILLERS

While few items in this station can be considered healthy, the least healthy items are the cheeseburger, hamburger, hot dog, and Italian sausage. Most surprisingly, although the cheeseburger and hamburger have the same number of calories (327), at 24g of fat the cheeseburger actually has 4g less of fat than the hamburger. The hot dog without a roll has 330 calories, 31g of fat, and 1,030 mg of sodium. Comparatively, the Italian sausage has 429 calories, 29.4 g of fat, and 2,653 mg of sodium, almost double the daily-recommended amount.

## PETE'S ZA PIE

All of the pizza varieties offered contain less than 300 calories, and while several options are relatively high in fat, only the bacon cheeseburger pizza comes in at a startling 13.6 g of fat.

Am I condemning Common's menu? Absolutely not, I am merely hoping to expose some of the least healthy items and make students aware of the choices they are making. And finally, do I think nutritional information, especially that which is double or triple daily recommended allowances should be more readily available as students get their meal? Yes, but that is a question for another day.

## LGBTQ

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Once the presentation is finished, Dr. French conducts the daily lesson on the core component of that particular class, oftentimes encompassing assigned readings from the course textbook, news articles, novels or other historical documents.

Several students voiced that the class excites the myth that LGBTQ history is a new and recent elements of American history. Unbeknownst to many, LGBTQ history dates back as far as the Native Americans and is a prominent part of our country's development.

"We learn the history of so many important figures growing up, but history lessons never seem to incorporate the entire picture. It affects all of us. I identify as an ally, and I think it's important to know the history behind the causes and people I support," senior Emily Depasse said.

In addition to this course, Dr. French has taught several courses that revolve around U.S. Women's History as well as Gender and Sexuality.

"Since knowing Dr. French, I have noticed an increase of academic growth and maturity within myself," Depasse said. "Dr. French is a challenging professor, but if you put in the effort she will do all she can to assist you in reaching your full potential as both a student and a person."

The class is a beneficial addition to the Salisbury community as it promotes a respectful and diverse campus and encourages students to further explore different aspects of their history and the history of the world around them.

"Come to this class prepared with an open mind and a healthy amount of intellectual curiosity," said Dr. French in reference to students with interest in enrolling in the course for a future semester. "Whether



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The class discusses a range of topics and how they impact gender equality.

you identify as LGBTQ or as a straight ally or just someone who wants to learn more about sexuality, this course has something for you."

Students with any questions or in seek of more information are encouraged to email Dr. French at kmfrench@salisbury.edu.

## MTV star to appear at Brew River this month



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MTV isn't coming to Salisbury, but one of its biggest personalities is.

Literally. On April 18, Big Black will be in Salisbury to host a party at Brew River Restaurant and Bar. The celebrity famous for his appearances on hit MTV shows Rob and Big, Rob Dyrdek's Fantasy Factory, Guy Code and Ridiculousness will host a meet and greet with fans throughout the evening.

"I look for these things just to bring something new and fun to Salisbury," Brew River owner Wes Hanna said. "Obviously a guy like Big Black is fun who has a brand that's fun that matches ours. I saw this opportunity and I thought he would be a great option."

Appearances like these are normal for Big Black, who has done over 100 of them since 2008.

"It's enjoyable to get out and meet your fans that watch your shows and the only way some people are going to meet me is coming to their city," Big Black told The Flyer in an interview.

The 43-year-old Wiggins, Mississippi native has been to Maryland a few times before – and mentioned that the late University of Maryland forward Len Bias was one of his favorite basketball players – but he has never ventured to Salisbury.

"I don't know much about (Salisbury) University or Brew River," he said. "That's why I'm coming."

Before the fame came on television, the urge to travel and curiosity led Big Black – formerly known as Christopher Boykin – down a different path as a youth. He served in the United States Navy for several years as a mess specialist – now known as a culinary specialist or chef – and is a veteran of the Gulf War.

"My experience in the Navy is by far - other than having my first born - my biggest accomplishment," he said. "I joined because I needed to learn and see new things and I needed discipline and a structure of life that I could use outside of the Navy."

"I got out because I learned what I needed to and traveled everywhere I wanted to go. Plus, my enlistment expired and it was time to go to college with the G.I. Bill."

Since leaving the Navy, he has dabbled in music, television, fashion and security. After meeting skateboarder Rob Dyrdek, the two formed a friendship and soon started appearing together in ads for DC Shoes. The first came in 2004.

In 2006, the two got their own reality television show on MTV showing off skateboarding, daily life and antics the two got into. Boykin set two Guinness World Records on the show for eating bananas and powdered donuts in ridiculously fast times.

The show ran until 2008 and "Rob and Big" became a cult favorite that propelled the two into the mainstream pop culture world.

"Fame is a man-given thing so I don't allow myself to get caught up in that," Big Black said. "But I'm blessed where God had taken me in my life and I'm blessed to work with Rob and the vision to do a successful show that has become a cult favorite."

After the first show, the two split up into different ventures – Big Black focused on his clothing line, BB. But the two joined forces again on Dyrdek's Fantasy Factory show in 2011. Since then, Boykin has appeared on several other MTV shows as well and is active on social media – specifically Twitter.

But Boykin won't be bringing Dyrdek or any other MTV stars to Brew River in a few weeks.

"I'm a one man show, so I show up solo," he said. The party at Brew River that evening starts at 10 p.m. and will run until closing. The cover charge is \$10 and pre-sold VIP passes are being sold for \$50. Guests must be 21 years or older to enter the restaurant that night and the event is sponsored by Smirnoff, Coors Light, Miller Lite along with local shoe and apparel store – Deadstock SBY.

In addition to Big Black making an appearance, all three of Brew River's bars will be open and they will feature music from DJ C-Dub and Paulie Knack & Co.

As Hanna says, parties like this are just one of the many things that make Brew River one of the best spots in town. He believes that it sets them apart from other nightlife venues in Salisbury.

"I think it does," he said. "We don't do it every week, but I like doing bigger stuff like this for our image and brand that's not your same old, typical parties."

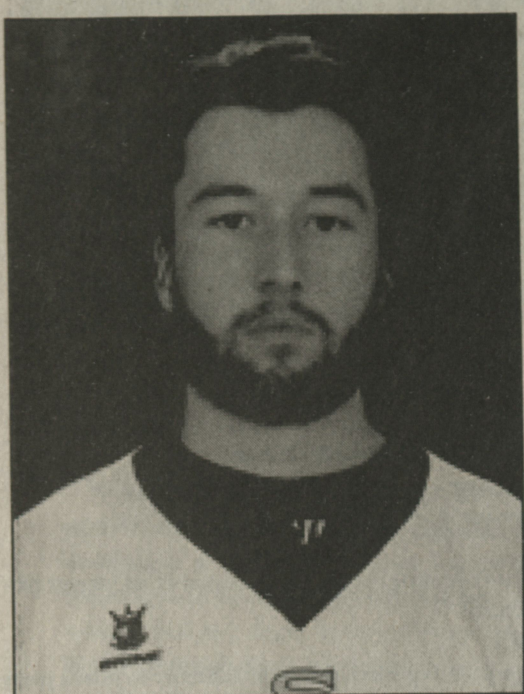
"It does something bigger and more fun for our guests and for the college kids than our normal parties and college nights. This is going to be fun not just for us, but for our customers."



## Anderson takes control between the pipes

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The Salisbury men's lacrosse team has likely found their answer in goal for the remainder of the season. After three years of hard work and preparation, Connor Anderson has become the new commander of a rising Sea Gull defense.



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Since taking over in goal after the first five games of the season, the senior from Canada has put up a 6-2 record while averaging only 5.43 goals per game. He also has recorded 56 saves bringing his save percentage to a .602.

"I put in three and a half years of hard work to one day hopefully start. That's how it normally works around here, you put in your work and then start," Anderson said. "I've always tried to set a good example for the younger guys, and I've always liked to think I brought a certain energy to the team."

Coming into Salisbury as a freshman, Anderson knew he would have to earn his playing time in order to start for a lacrosse team that has been one of the most successful in all of the NCAA in the past 20 years.

"Salisbury's a pretty well-known program throughout the lacrosse community," Anderson said. "They're probably one of the most documented lacrosse programs, so I've known about (Salisbury) for a long time, and knew I wanted to come play here."

Anderson began his career as a freshman in 2012, where he would back up one of Division III's most successful goalies in Alex Taylor for the next three seasons. After Taylor graduated following the end of last year, Anderson knew he might have the opportunity to take over the reins of protecting the Sea Gulls' goal.

"I didn't start playing goalie until high school, and didn't have any real formal training until I got here. Being able to watch (Taylor) and being around him really helped me out a lot," Anderson said. "He was just unbelievable in and out of the cage."

Coming into this season, Anderson wasn't the starter right away. Senior Dan Feeney and freshman Anthony Stavakis became the starter and backup, respectively, coming out of training sessions in the fall. Anderson fell on the depth chart and was listed as the team's third string goalie.

"It's tough being a senior and having that third spot, but I had a pretty brutal fall ball," Anderson said. "I knew I had to work hard to get back up there."

As the season came around, the Sea Gulls played well and battled some tough teams. But they ended up with a 2-3 record - one of the worst starts since head coach Jim Berkman took over in 1989.

In a 12-6 loss at home to Gettysburg College, both Feeney and Stavakis struggled to keep opponent's shots out of the goal. Berkman then decided it was time to make a change.

"(Anderson) seized the moment and seized the opportunity," Berkman said. "When someone knocked at the door, he answered. Once you know you're in the light and the door's going to be yours each day, I think some guys just play better."

Salisbury's defense has benefited greatly from the switch over to Anderson between the pipes. Since the switch, they have allowed only 6.18 goals per game while causing 119 turnovers.

"Being a goalie, it's awesome to have defenders really listen to you," Anderson said. "I've been lucky enough to room with (defenders) Kraus (Kraus) and Austin (Kemp) throughout the years, and they've been extremely supportive on and off the field."

Berkman has many ways of describing Anderson, but the word he used best to summarize his senior goalie was "stopper."

"He's been stopping the ball," Berkman said. "It's either been with his stick or his body, and obviously being quick is important, but it's better to be a quick big goalie than a small quick goalie."

The biggest goal for the entire lacrosse team is to bring home the program's eleventh national championship. Anderson shares in that goal, but also hopes to achieve more in his one year as a starter.

"After the rough start we had we were a little bit discouraged, and I know a lot of the alumni were questioning where we were as a team," Anderson said. "We've been able to turn it around and are working harder. We really just want to make the alumni proud, and move forward with no more losses."

Berkman alluded to Anderson perhaps being the key piece to Salisbury getting back to the National Championship. If his superb play keeps up, Berkman sees his team reaching the big stage once again.

"If he just stays consistent and brings it every day, and with his discipline and technique improving, we have the team to get us there," Berkman said.

## Leading off: Dorsey excelling in new role for Sea Gulls

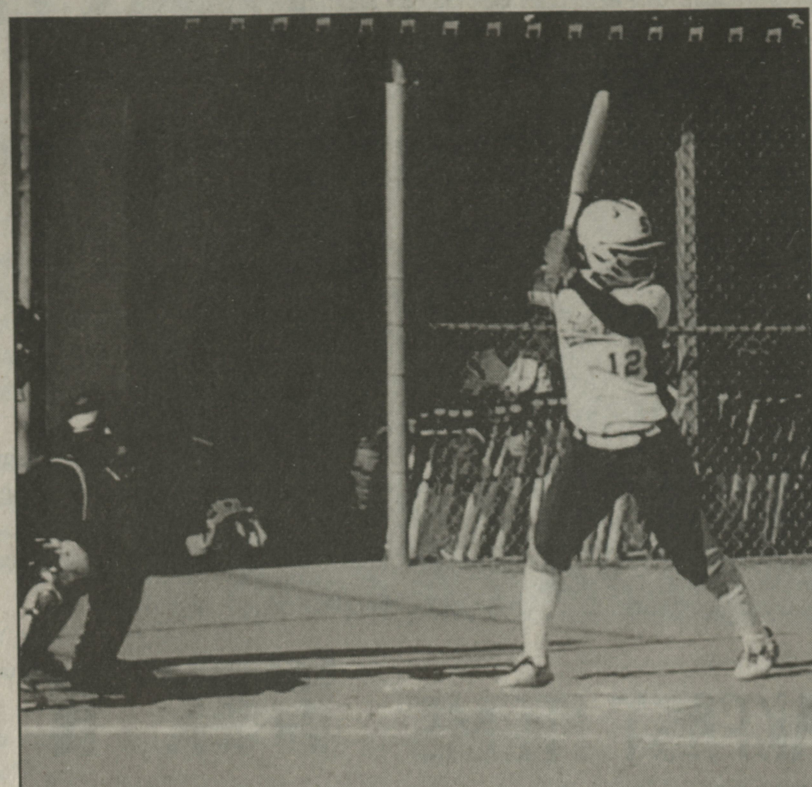


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Kim Dorsey goes to bat for the Sea Gulls on Saturday against Christopher Newport.

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Most baseball and softball teams reserve the role of the leadoff hitter for someone who can make contact with the ball, but also someone with speed.

But Salisbury University's head softball coach Margie Knight doesn't run her program like most other teams. At the top of the lineup, she values power and plate discipline over speed.

"For years we have led off with power hitters," Knight said. "Harley Hill (who graduated last year) was probably the only home run hitter I haven't led off with since like, 2003. But she was just this gap, doubles, great eye, beautiful swing hitter."

In her 19 years, Knight hasn't strayed away from her formula too much. So when she needed to fill the void at the leadoff position this season she turned to junior shortstop Kim Dorsey.

"It took a while to get used to," Dorsey said. "But I just try to get enough pitches down there so everyone else can see the pitcher and then just try and get a hard hit. That's always what I've tried to do."

Dorsey is the complete package for what Knight or any other coach would want in a leadoff hitter.

She's fast - leading the team in stolen bases with four - but also displays the power that Knight wants, having hit a team-leading seven home runs this season. On Saturday against Christopher Newport, her latest blast over the fence moved her to ninth all-time in Sea Gulls' softball history for home runs.

Leading off is new to Dorsey. In high school and during her first few years as a Sea Gull, the Baltimore native hit in either the three or four slot in the lineup.

Those positions in the batting order are typically reserved for Dorsey's type - that of a power hitter - but she's more versatile than that. In addition to leading the 20-1 Sea Gulls in home runs and stolen bases, she also leads her team in batting average (.485), slugging percentage (.926), on-base percentage (.576), runs scored with 32, hits with 33 and total bases - tallying 63 trips to either base this season.

"Kim has great eye, makes great contact and can deliver from the one spot just like all of our number one's have done in the past," Knight said. "If you can get people at the bottom of the lineup on then we're going to deliver."

"We were having a little bit of trouble with that early but now they're starting to get on and I can see Kim knocking in a lot of RBIs for us down the stretch."

Dorsey has knocked in 14 batters to score runs this season, but for all of her power-hitting prowess, she is also disciplined at the plate. She's drawn 14 walks this season - which lead the team too - and

has only struck out four times in 61 at-bats.

"Kim has done awesome," senior ace pitcher Rachel Johnson said. "She's had a lot of leadoff home runs, but she sees a lot of pitches which helps us in the dugout see what the other pitcher is doing."

In 2014, Dorsey was named to the All-Capital Athletic Conference first team, earned three CAC player of the week awards and was named an All-American by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. In her sophomore season, Dorsey batted for an average of .422, hit 15 home runs and batted in 61 runs, helping propel the Sea Gulls to the Division III National Championship where they lost in three games to Tufts.

Last season Dorsey typically hit third in the lineup, but a few games into this season, Knight asked her to hit leadoff. At first, Dorsey thought it was because of her speed, but realized that it was her bat and vision - not her feet - that made her perfect for the top of the lineup.

"I think it's because I make good contact and because I get the bat on the ball," Dorsey said. "Our lineup is stacked so anyone could've been leadoff, so I'm just glad that I have people behind me that can hit me in."

Knight values her speed too. In certain situations, Dorsey can be a threat to swipe a bag from the opposing team.

"It depends on the situation and depends on what coach thinks," Dorsey said. "If coach thinks that I can get there then I'm going to try my hardest."

"She is very fast," Knight said. "She's just a great all-around player."

In her third year as a Sea Gull, Dorsey has improved even further, and her glove at shortstop has become valuable too. For Johnson - when she's pitching from the circle - she feels a certain sense of security when Dorsey is behind her between second and third.

"She is a great player and having her right there makes me feel more confident," Johnson said. "She'll make a good play often for me and that picks you up whenever you see your fielders do something awesome."

On Wednesday, two wins against Stevenson University notched win nos. 699 and 700 for Knight as a coach at Salisbury. For Dorsey, through the wins and losses, ups and downs and position changes, she's happy that she came to Salisbury for softball and credits Knight for much of her successes as a player.

"It's amazing, but it's not easy," Dorsey said of playing under Knight. "She never stops pushing us, but I wouldn't want to be anywhere else but here and under her coaching."

## From the Nest: Sports News and Notes

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**Men's Lacrosse:** The Sea Gulls are on a three-game winning streak after topping Marymount on Saturday by a score of 20-6.

That was senior day for the Sea Gulls as well as their annual "LAX for Leukemia" fundraiser. Thomas Cirillo led the way for the Sea Gulls with four goals while Sean Fitzgerald added four assists in addition to his lone goal.

The Sea Gulls are back in action Wednesday when they host Christopher Newport.

**Women's Lacrosse:** The Sea Gulls remained undefeated in conference play this past week with a pair of blowout wins against Frostburg and Wesley, beating the schools by a combined

score of 36-4.

Junior attacker Megan Wallenhorst kept up her strong play against Frostburg after sitting out against Wesley, scoring two goals in the 17-2 win. Last week, Wallenhorst earned CAC and ECAC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

The Sea Gulls take the field again today, hosting Christopher Newport at 5 p.m.

**Baseball:** The Sea Gulls kept their record clean this past weekend when they swept Southern Virginia in two games - beating them by a combined score of 14-5.

Jordan Gove had five RBIs between the two games while fellow senior Bobby Sanzone had three. In the second game, Ryan Daiss (4-0) and Kyle Skilling combined for nine shutout innings. The pair of pitchers allowed just five hits and four walks, but with the help of the

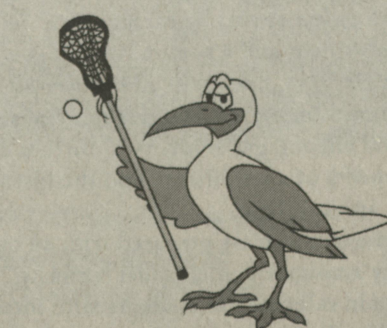
Sea Gulls' defense kept Southern Virginia from crossing the plate.

Tonight, the Sea Gulls will face a non-collegiate opponent when they travel to Arthur W. Perdue Stadium to take on the Delmarva Shorebirds - Single A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles - in Salisbury.

**Tennis:** The Sea Gulls tennis teams swept the CAC Player of the Week honors this past week as junior Shane Gunther took home the men's award and sophomore Claudia Lohn took home the women's award.

**Track and Field:** Luke Campbell and Dylan Burkett swept the CAC's Track and Field athlete of the week awards with Campbell taking the track award and Burkett - a discus thrower - taking the field award.

Ashely Jackson of the Sea Gulls' women's



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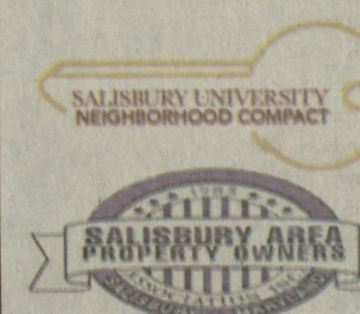
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